

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/647,926	MASHIMO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 12/9/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-9 and 11.
3. The drawings filed on 16 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The Amendment, filed on December 9, 2004 has been entered and overcomes the rejection of claims 2,8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Cancellation of claims 1, 3 and 10 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4-9, and 11 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 2 the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests a cathode ray tube with reinforcing band having all the limitations as claimed and particularly the limitation comprising the distance in the direction of the tube axis from bonding part of the panel and the funnel to the end of the bent portion on the electron gun side represented by b and the distance in the direction of the tube axis from the bonding part to the central position of the outer surface of the effective portion represented by h satisfying $b \geq 0.7h$.

Claim 4 is allowed because of its dependency status from claim 2.

The reason for allowance of claims 5-7 has already been cited in the previous office action.

Regarding claim 8 the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests a cathode ray tube with reinforcing band having all the limitations as claimed and particularly the limitation comprising the distance in the direction of the tube axis from bonding part of the panel and the funnel to the mold matching line represented by c and the distance in

the direction of the tube axis from the bonding part to the central position of the outer surface of the effective portion represented by h satisfying $c \geq 0.8h$.

Claims 9 and 11 are allowed because of its dependency status from claim 8.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

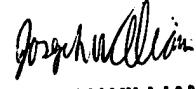
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sikha Roy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2463. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization is (703) 308-7382.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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